next Monday — We are all well save
Bze do write Wm & Deb & Rk & F
Love to all — New Bedford 1 Mo 30 1863

Dear Deborah,

Your letter received
day before yesterday look'd as
natural enough I assure
you but could I have been
able to have gone to Boston,
I think a ray of light from
your genial countenance
would have been more welcome.
The first is first rate since
the latter would have been
first rater — I want to see
you dreadfully — but I am
doomed to disappointment
In the first place some special
business prevented and in
the second, my cold is of such
a nature that I should
probably have added to it.
So after weighing the pros & cons
I thought best to stay at home,
having no doubt but that

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you will soon make us that visit — You say that I would probably give you courage to come — now I will be brief with you once will use no Yankee phrase but would rather in an imperative tone say You must come — so there is a fair challenge & will test your courage — Kate & Mary Briggs are both here now but Mary returns next week & Kate will probably in ten days or a fortnight, and Fanny will want to spend all the time she can with them but after that we shall be very happy to have a good long visit from you — Mrs Thornton has been quite sick but has recovered and Miranda doctor Sarah Ann has become so much better

that she goes down stairs to
her meals & remains there
a long while – I barely
know what I am writing
there are nine men and a
one or two woman in the Country
Room Some of them Portuguese
~~and are a two woman~~ beside
Thornton, who is seated by
me chattering & talking like
a Parrot – You will have
to resort to your Yankee
prowess of finessing it out.
I have so many things I want
to talk with you about
that I have almost a
mind to send you a Dictionary
and leave you you to put
this & that word together so
that you may be practically
posted up – I don't know
whether I ever wrote you
that Joy had left the Mill

for Sundry reasons, which I will
tell you some other time, he left
the first of the year — No one
could have done better than
he — honest industrious and
having the esteem & respect of
all — There was not much
more room for improvement
here & we thought the thought
best to leave — But a bright
prospect is before him — a
Road to promotion & this is
the secret business I alluded
to — In talking with Mr Rotch
about him & his nervousness, we
thought a counting Room & Mer
book keeping Place might be unpleasant
to him — But Mr Rotch suggested his
going into the Cordage Factory so
that he can in a few years be at
the head of the Concern — if he
likes it & proves competent — It
will be a very important place & will
be a permanent one — The business
is very large & will be larger — they Manu-
facture very a million dollars worth
now — This must be kept a secret for
the present — They are commencing

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